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MINNESOTA'S MARCH MILK OUTPUT DOWN 1.5 PERCENT

March 2011 milk production totaled 775 million pounds in Minnesota, down 1.5 percent from the 787 million pounds produced in March 2010, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised February 2011 milk output was 699 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,645 pounds in March 2011, down 30 pounds from last March. The revised February 2011 rate was 1,485 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during March 2011 was 471,000 head, unchanged from the February 2011 number but up 1,000 from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first three months of 2011 was 2.24 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.4 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 more than February 2011.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first three months of 2011 was 45.0 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Mar 2010	Feb 2011 Rev.	Mar 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2011 Rev.	Mar 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2011 Rev.	Mar 2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,758	1,755	1,759	1,980	1,800	2,040	3,481	3,159	3,588	103.1
ID	554	573	575	1,880	1,690	1,880	1,042	968	1,081	103.7
MN	470	471	471	1,675	1,485	1,645	787	699	775	98.5
NY	610	610	610	1,755	1,620	1,810	1,071	988	1,104	103.1
PA	541	543	543	1,730	1,510	1,710	936	820	929	99.3
WI	1,260	1,266	1,266	1,770	1,585	1,785	2,230	2,007	2,260	101.3
23 States	8,329	8,405	8,422	1,848	1,664	1,872	15,389	13,987	15,763	102.4

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